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. MS. BOGGER: It's Karen Bogger. And I'm a retired schoolteacher and have lived in Nevada for close to 30 years.

Like most rational people in this room, I have grave concerns about the health, safety and environmental problems that this project may engender in our uniquely beautiful state, which is not always land, but I'm not a scientist, and others here can speak and much more knowledgeably than I to these critical and crucial issues.

But as a person who has chosen to live beyond the grid on alternative energy, I believe that we'll never be able to really fully and correctly assess the costs and even benefits of nuclear energy, human or economic, until the waste that is produced is dealt with in the place where that energy is produced and utilized. A plan to ship waste for thousands of miles around to disappear it into our desert is a head-in-the-sand answer.

I support a -- well, I can't support any of the alternatives as they stand. So I support a no action alternative that would include taking all the action that we can to explore other more suitable alternatives.

Because creative solutions have a way of appearing when we're forced to face the problems that we engender in our own backyards. Thank you.

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